

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method of inputting a navigation destination into a navigation device associated with a navigation database, the method comprising:

entering a place name of the navigation destination, and
if a plurality of navigation destinations having the same place name are in the navigation database, outputting supplemental information for the plurality of navigation destinations to allow differentiation of the navigation destinations in each case, wherein the supplemental information includes information about at least one of a direction and a distance from at least one of a nearby prominent point and a nearest prominent point.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the supplemental information includes information about at least one of the direction and the distance from at least one of a nearby large city and a nearest large city.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the information about the at least one of the direction and the distance is specified based on position coordinates of the navigation destinations and the prominent points.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the navigation database is subdivided into tiles covering geographic regions adjacent to each other, and only those tiles in which the navigation destinations are located whose place name was entered are initially considered when the supplemental information is determined.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein if no one of the prominent points is available in one of the tiles containing a navigation destination whose place name was entered, other

ones of the tiles immediately surrounding the one of the tiles are checked for a presence of one of the prominent points.

6. A navigation database system comprising:

a navigation database;

an arrangement to perform:

entering a place name of the navigation destination,
and

if a plurality of navigation destinations having the same place name are in the navigation database,
outputting supplemental information for the plurality of navigation destinations to allow differentiation of the navigation destinations in each case, wherein the supplemental information includes information about at least one of a direction and a distance from at least one of a nearby prominent point and a nearest prominent point;

wherein central point position coordinates are stored for each stored navigation destination and for each of the prominent points which are outputtable as part of the supplemental information.

7. The navigation database of claim 6, wherein, for each place name, a set of position coordinates of the navigation destinations with that place name is stored.